

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, December 1, 1879, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell To Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1414 R St., Washington, December 1st, (1879) My dear Alec:

Your telegram came this afternoon — Of course you must stay until you have finished your business up entirely but I am getting impatient to see you and to be settled in our own house. I am very anxious to hear that you have bought your desk — It would be a great relief to me if I could hear you had done it. I shall not be comfortable until my house is settled and it won't be until that and some other things are in. I want my silver and my bed very much especially Elsie's crib she is so cramped in the one she sleeps in now.

Mr. Grossman comes on Tuesday, suppose you were to meet him and come with him. Sister came this afternoon. I wanted you to come with her as I thought Berta would come too and then I should have to clear out and that I did not want to do without you. As Berta did not come it is no matter though even if we have been married nearly three years I miss you very much now and want to see you and wish you would write to me. You used to no matter how hard. Suppose you were to bring Sister a pair of silver butter knives? I can't find any pretty ones here. If you do don't get any gold gilded the gold wears off, or too fancy for every day use, perhaps you had better get a cake knife or preserve spoon, they may be as fancy as you like but not too expensive remember, not more than \$15. My cake knife only cost \$10. and was very pretty though not very fancy. But I don't care what you do so you bring your desk. Wouldn't one like Uncle Eustis with drawers down the sides be what you want, get a nice one and it may be my Xmas present to you. A letter from Notman says a colored cabinet of Elsie would cost \$20 and as I don't believe they would do it well 2 enough for that sum, I wrote them I did not care for it.

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With much love, Ever your own loving, Mabel. 1414 R St. Washington, December 1st. 1879. Find out what sex Sadie's baby belongs. Mr. Sears has an office in the building.